

## Maryland Overdose Response Program Standing Order for Naloxone Dispensing

### Background

Naloxone is indicated for the reversal of respiratory depression or unresponsiveness due to opioid overdose. The Maryland Overdose Response Program (ORP)<sup>i</sup> was established by law<sup>ii</sup> in 2013 to increase access to overdose education and naloxone to reduce opioid overdose deaths throughout the state. ORP allows non-medical persons to be trained and certified in overdose recognition and response. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) authorizes organizations to conduct ORP trainings and issue certificates to trainees. Certificate holders may lawfully be prescribed and dispensed naloxone and administer it to someone believed to be experiencing opioid overdose.

Under Health-General Article § 13-3108, Code of Maryland, a physician or advanced practice nurse (APN) with prescribing authority who supervises or conducts ORP trainings may issue a standing order for the dispensing of naloxone to ORP certificate holders. The physician or APN who issues a standing order may delegate dispensing of naloxone to 1) a licensed registered nurse who is employed by a local health department and has completed a training program approved by DHMH, and 2) an employee or volunteer of an authorized ORP training entity who is authorized by the entity to conduct ORP trainings.

### Prescriber and Authorized Entity Information

Authorized Entity Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Prescriber Name & Title  
(MD, DO, NP, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Prescriber Maryland  
License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Order to Dispense

*Under this standing order, I authorize dispensing of naloxone hydrochloride and necessary paraphernalia to ORP certificate holders in accordance with the authorized entity's naloxone dispensing protocols, currently on file with the DHMH Behavioral Health Administration.*

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Prescriber Signature

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Date

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Standing Order Expiration Date

<sup>i</sup> <http://bha.dhmh.maryland.gov/NALOXONE/>

<sup>ii</sup> Health-General Article, Title 13, Subtitle 31, Code of Maryland. Regulations: COMAR 10.47.08